

it. Prescription drug abuse continues to claim American lives, and those who take drugs and drive threaten safety on our Nation's roadways. Young people's perceptions of the risks of drug use have declined over the past decade, and research suggests that this often predicts future increases in drug use. There is still much left to do to reform our justice system and break the cycle of drug use and crime. Our commitment to work with partner nations must remain steadfast to reduce drug production, trafficking, and related transnational threats.

Based upon the progress we have achieved over the past three years, I am confident we can address these challenges through concerted action along the entire spectrum of prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice reform, law enforcement, and international cooperation. However, we must match our commitment with the appropriate resources.

Illicit drug use in America contributed to an estimated \$193 billion in crime, health, and lost productivity costs in 2007, the year for which the most recent estimate is available. In today's challenging economic environment, we cannot afford such a drain on our economy and public resources. While difficult budget decisions must be made at all levels of government, we must ensure continued support for policies and programs that reduce drug use and its enormous costs to American society. In doing so, we will not only strengthen our economy but also sustain the national character and spirit that has made the United States a world leader.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Congress and Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial leaders, international partners, and the American people in this important endeavor.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 19, 2012.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:37 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2453. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain.

H.R. 4348. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2453. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURE DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2327. A bill to prohibit direct foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt until the President makes certain certifications related to treatment of nongovernmental organization workers, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5741. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas in Massachusetts" (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0128) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5742. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Clementines From Spain; Amendment to Inspection Provisions" (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0036) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5743. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Pomegranates From Chile Under a Systems Approach" (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0024) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5744. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Pitaya Fruit From Central America Into the Continental United States" (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0113) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5745. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Sections 642 and 643 (Income Ordering Rules)" ((RIN1545-BH66) (TD 9582)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5746. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 267(f); Deferral of Loss on Transactions Between Members of a Controlled Group" ((RIN1545-BI92) (TD 9583)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5747. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Malaysia for the assembly, test and production of the Colt M4 carbine in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5748. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-343 "Tenant Security Deposits Clarification Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5749. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-344 "South Capitol Street Memorial Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5750. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Governing Hearings Before the Agency of Original Jurisdiction and the Board of Veterans' Appeals; Repeal of Prior Rule Change" (RIN2900-AO43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5751. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment or Reimbursement for Emergency Services for Nonservice-Connected Conditions in Non-VA Facilities" (RIN2900-AN86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5752. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change by the Navy Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2011 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5753. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5754. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas in California" (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0074) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5755. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Golden Nematode; Removal of Regulated Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0036) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5756. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Forest System Land Management Planning" (RIN0596-AD02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5757. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quizalofop Ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9340-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 743. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-155).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013." (Rept. No. 112-156).

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2322. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-157).

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2323. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-158).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Kevin McNulty, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Michael A. Shipp, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Stephanie Marie Rose, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2301. A bill to help prevent the occurrence of cancer resulting from the use of ultraviolet tanning lamps by providing sufficient information to consumers regarding the health risks associated with the use of such devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2302. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain ski boots, cross country ski footwear, and snowboard boots; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2303. A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2304. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow chiropractors to provide items and services through private contracts under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2305. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on yarn of carded hair of Kashmir (cashmere) goats, of yarn count less than 19.35 metric, not put up for retail sale; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2306. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on fine animal hair of Kashmir (cashmere) goats, processed beyond the degreased or carbonized condition; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2307. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on yarn of carded cashmere of 19.35 metric yarn count or higher; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2308. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on yarn of combed cashmere or yarn of camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2309. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on camel hair, carded or combed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2310. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on woven fabrics containing 85 percent or more by weight of vicuna hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2311. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on waste of camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2312. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on camel hair, not processed in any manner beyond the degreased or carbonized condition; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2313. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on camel hair, processed beyond the degreased or carbonized condition; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2314. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on noils of camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2315. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on yarn of carded camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 2316. A bill to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at the Cape Cod National Seashore as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2317. A bill to compel the Secretary of the Army to complete the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study within 18 months and to focus particular attention on the permanent prevention of the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River Basins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2318. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2319. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2320. A bill to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to provide for the ongoing maintenance of Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Republic of the Philippines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2321. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2322. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2323. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Neches River in the State of Texas for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic